

^{knowing Phelps & Pusey}
would state what his true character as a clergyman
was before he got into this unfortunate affair in
Baltimore. Such letters addressed to Rev R. J.
Breckenridge, D.D. the Rev. Mr Hamletts & the
Rev Mr Slicer of the Methodist church in Balti-
more would greatly aid in beating back the
misrepresentations which Mr Torrey's enemies
have thrown upon him. This done, these gen-
tlemen can be brought to act efficiently in
his case."

Now Brother Phelps, will you have the good-
ness to write to one of the above named gentle-
men ~~such~~ a letter about Mr Torrey, as much
in favor of his former ministerial character as
you can consistently with truth & a clear con-
science, & procure as many signatures of other
clergymen in Boston & vicinity as you can, &
send it on immediately. I am sorry to be obliged
to give you the trouble of doing this. But I
know the interest ~~in~~ which you take in
his welfare will make it a ^{sort of} pleasure to you,
provided there is any probability of success.
You know better than I do whom to ask to sign
it with, no matter of what denomination
they may be, if they are only known as clergy-
men of respectable standing. In great haste
Affectionately yours
Jacob Ide
I have written to several other
clergymen beside yourself & made
of them the same request. I do
Care, Brother P.

Rev. J. Ide, Medway,
Jan. 20. 1845.

West Medway Jan 20. 45

Rev. Amos A. Phelps
East Boston

Dear Brother, You doubtless are acquainted with the fact that A Child Esqr, & J. Mason Esqr & some others in Baltimore are making an effort for Mr Torrey's release from prison. What the effect of this effort will be I know not, & whether the men who are making it are wise & trustworthy men or not is unknown to me. But I sincerely wish they might be successful. Mr Mason has recently written me on this subject, & in his letter is the following passage. "Mr Torrey's case has excited deep interest in the minds of several gentlemen in Baltimore who probably have the power to effect his release at no distant day, & who are disposed to exert that power as wisdom & prudence may dictate. There are both in Maryland & Virginia real obstacles in the way of his release. They may we think be removed, & Mr Torrey be restored to his family. The public mind in Baltimore is poisoned against him, & the christian sympathy is a measure withdrawn from him. What we want is that a few letters should be written from some of the Clergy in New England, who